

THE PRAIRIE PAGE



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LIVING

Over the next few weeks, this part of The Page will contain excerpts from the article, "What is Transformative Christian Education?" (from *Transformational Education: A Framework for Christian Teaching*). While we finish out the year, it can be important to draw us back to our big "WHY?"

Part 4: Transformation involves shaping the desires of students and teachers towards the Kingdom for the purposes of 'shalom,' the integrated wholeness, wellbeing and harmony of every dimension of life that God intended for his creation. Transformation of heart, mind, spirit and life is the work of the Holy Spirit and the school shapes its educational experiences and settings in openness to the direction and guidance of the Spirit.

LEARNING

Gathering Student Feedback: As you finish up this school year, don't miss the opportunity to gather feedback from your students on their learning experiences in your classroom. Here are a few of our favourite ideas from this [list of Tft-related reflection prompts](#):

- Build reflection prompts building off language in your Deep Hope and Storyline
 - Ask students to pick out a word or phrase that appeals to them, that raises their curiosity, that has come to mean something new, etc.
 - What practical advice can you provide to future students on how to enjoy meaningful engagement with a teacher's Deep Hope and Storyline for the class?
- In what way(s) have you furthered the learning of your classmates or teacher this year?
- Admit & Exit: What did you think about _____ before (at the beginning of the course)[admit]; what do you think about _____ now as you finish the year [exit]?

Other questions you might want to gather feedback on:

- Rate me as a teacher (provide an age-appropriate scale). How could I improve?
- What is one thing you'd change about the class if you could?
- What advice would you give to students in next year's class?
- How could I ensure everyone feels like they belong in my class next year?

Tft Storyboards: As the school year winds down, and before you clean up the walls/bulletin boards in your room, please consider sending Jeremy (jhorlings@pcce.ca) a picture of your Storyboard. We would love to be able to share your work with PCCE members in hopes of inspiring other teachers as they imagine capturing their classroom's learning journey in a visual way.

Levity for the Final Stretch: Here is a student response to a Math test question-

Quiz Question - To change centimetres to metres, you _____.

Student Response - Take out centi.

Help encourage your fellow teachers by sending your funniest student responses to jhorlings@pcce.ca.

LEADING

End of the Year Reflections: As you lead your staff through the end-of-the-year activities, consider setting aside some time for them to reflect upon the year. Here are some questions to consider: How has your Deep Hope impacted the teaching and learning in your classroom? How might you revise your Deep Hope next year? List three highlights from the year. Describe one "game changer" (an unexpected event that shifted your priorities). What didn't go as well as expected and what will you do differently next time?

2024/2025

Tft 101: Tft 101 is planned to be conducted in the same format as this school year. Day 1 will be on Wednesday, October 23 in Taber, Alberta (a pre-convention day). Exact dates for days 2-4 will be chosen once all of the PCCE schools' calendars are known; however, you can assume day 2 will be facilitated through Zoom in November and participants will have 2 days to choose from. As well, day 3 & 4 will be hosted in person in the Edmonton area on back-to-back days in March.

Reminder: Gayle is currently on Professional Leave. Please send your requests or questions to Ruth (office@pcce.ca), Jeremy (jhorlings@pcce.ca) or Hugo (hvanderhoek@pcce.ca). Gayle will be periodically checking her email, so if you need to contact her, please send an email but be aware that there may be a bit of delay in responding.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 25-27 Christian Schools Canada Leadership Conference

October 23 2024-2025 Tft 101 Cohort: Day 1 - Taber, Alberta

October 24-25 2024 PCCE Teachers' Convention - Taber, Alberta

March 8 PCCE Governance & Leadership Conference and AGM

May 7-9 Leadership Cohort Gathering

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